

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 11, 2005

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 825**

**Introduced by Senator Maldonado**

February 22, 2005

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An act to amend Section 51228 of, and to add Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 8075) to Chapter 1 of Part 6 of, the Education Code, relating to career technical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 825, as amended, Maldonado. Career Technical Education Accountability Act of 2005.

(1) Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include courses in career technical education. Existing law requires the governing board of a school district participating in a career technical education program to appoint a career technical education advisory committee to develop recommendations on the program and to provide liaison between the school district and employers. Existing law requires a school district maintaining any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer a course of study that provides an opportunity to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation from high school.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to adopt regulations that articulate the minimum qualifications of a quality career technical education program, as defined, to include specified components. The bill would provide that the provision of a quality career technical education program would satisfy the requirement that a school district maintaining any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, offer a course of study that provides an opportunity to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation from high school. To the extent that the bill would impose additional duties on a

school district in providing a career technical education program, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 8075) is  
2 added to Chapter 1 of Part 6 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 Article 3.5. Career Technical Education Accountability Act of  
5 2005  
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7 8075. This article shall be known and may be cited as the  
8 Career Technical Education Accountability Act of 2005.

9 8076. "Career technical education program" means a program  
10 of a high school consisting of a sequence of courses directly  
11 related to preparation for employment in current or emerging  
12 occupations that may require a postsecondary degree, including  
13 competency-based applied learning that contributes to academic  
14 knowledge, high-order reasoning, problem solving skills, positive  
15 work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and  
16 occupational specific skills necessary for economic independence  
17 as a productive and contributing member of society.

18 8077. ~~The department~~ *State Department of Education*, in  
19 consultation with the Office of the Secretary for Education, shall  
20 develop and adopt regulations that clearly articulate the  
21 minimum qualifications of a quality career technical education  
22 program, to include all of the following:

23 (a) The career technical education advisory committee  
24 established pursuant to Section 8070 meets no less than once  
25 each year to do all of the following:

1 (1) Identify skills relevant in business and industry.

2 (2) Review and make recommendations for appropriate  
3 equipment and facilities.

4 (3) Evaluate the fitness of an instructor to teach the subject  
5 matter.

6 (4) Review curriculum to ensure compliance with state  
7 standards and the needs of business and industry.

8 (b) Instructors are given professional development  
9 opportunities that conform with contemporary business and  
10 industry. The ~~department~~ *State Department of Education*, in  
11 consultation with the Office of the Secretary for Education, shall  
12 develop and adopt criteria to identify those professional  
13 development opportunities.

14 (c) Student leadership organizations that incorporate  
15 competitive recognition events and activities that are extraneous  
16 to the school district.

17 (d) A multiyear, sequence-based curriculum that begins with  
18 introductory courses and concludes with courses that may  
19 include regional occupational program work.

20 8078. (a) A career technical education program shall submit  
21 a report, approved by the career technical education advisory  
22 committee, to the ~~department~~ *State Department of Education*  
23 regarding its compliance with Section 8077 no later than June 30  
24 of each year.

25 (b) The report submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be  
26 forwarded to the Office of the Secretary for Education no later  
27 than August 1 of each year.

28 SEC. 2. Section 51228 of the Education Code is amended to  
29 read:

30 51228. (a) A school district maintaining any of grades 7 to  
31 12, inclusive, shall offer to all otherwise qualified pupils in those  
32 grades a course of study fulfilling the requirements and  
33 prerequisites for admission to the California public institutions of  
34 postsecondary education and shall provide a timely opportunity  
35 to each of those pupils to enroll within a four-year period in each  
36 course necessary to fulfill those requirements and prerequisites  
37 prior to graduation from high school.

38 (b) A school district maintaining any of grades 7 to 12,  
39 inclusive, shall offer to all otherwise qualified pupils in those  
40 grades a course of study that provides an opportunity for those

1 pupils to attain entry-level employment skills in business or  
2 industry upon graduation from high school. A school district is  
3 encouraged to provide all pupils with a rigorous academic  
4 curriculum that integrates academic and career skills,  
5 incorporates applied learning in all disciplines, and prepares all  
6 pupils for high school graduation and career entry.

7 (c) A school district that adopts a required curriculum that  
8 meets or exceeds the minimum qualifications of a quality career  
9 technical education program pursuant to Section 8077, and that  
10 meets or exceeds the model standards developed and adopted by  
11 the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 51226, shall be  
12 deemed to have fulfilled its responsibilities pursuant to  
13 subdivision (b).

14 (d) Any school district that adopts a required curriculum  
15 pursuant to subdivision (c) that meets or exceeds the model  
16 standards developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to  
17 Section 51226, or that adopts alternative means for pupils to  
18 complete the prescribed course of study pursuant to subdivision  
19 (b) of Section 51225.3, may substitute pupil demonstration of  
20 competence in the prescribed subjects through a practical  
21 demonstration of these skills in a regional occupational center or  
22 program, work experience, interdisciplinary study, independent  
23 study, credit earned at a postsecondary institution, or other  
24 outside school experience, as prescribed by Section 51225.

25 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
26 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
27 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
28 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
29 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.